

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY
PRO SE DISSOLUTIONS WITH
CHILDREN

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SUPERVISORY ORDER
No. 2014-02

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA

This order shall apply to all pro se dissolution matters filed in Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine and Scott Counties.

A pro se party or parties who come to the Clerk's office seeking to have their dissolution with children finalized shall be brought to the judge handling pro se matters that day. The judge shall review the filings to confirm there is a petition, answer or acceptance of service, proof of completion of Children in the Middle for both parties, a proposed written settlement agreement, a parenting agreement, and completed financial affidavits for both parties. If the filings are proper, the party or parties will be directed to Court Administration to set the matter for an evidentiary hearing. The evidentiary hearing must be scheduled beyond the 90-day waiting period from the filing of the answer or acceptance of service, unless that period has been waived by a judge.

If the parties are not in agreement, the matter will proceed as any other domestic civil matter and a trial setting conference memorandum will be sent to the parties.


Evidentiary hearings for agreed matters in Scott County will be scheduled in the unused hearing slots that have been set aside on Thursdays for temporary custody hearings. In the other counties, they shall be scheduled for an hour to two hours whenever the schedule permits.

The clerks of each county shall provide a copy of this Supervisory Order to a party or parties filing a petition or answer in a pro se dissolution with children matter.

The original of this order shall be filed in the Scott County Clerk's office with a file-stamped copy to be kept in each of the following counties: Clinton, Cedar, Jackson and Muscatine. A copy shall also be provided to Kathy Gaylord, District Court Administrator.

All of the above is SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 21, 2014.



Marlita A. Greve, Chief Judge